



***Substitute Senate Bill No. 142***

***Public Act No. 18-36***

***AN ACT CONCERNING ACCEPTANCE OF INSTITUTIONAL  
ACCREDITATION OF PRIVATE OCCUPATIONAL SCHOOLS BY  
THE OFFICE OF HIGHER EDUCATION.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. Subsections (b) and (c) of section 10a-22b of the 2018 supplement to the general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2018*):

(b) Except for initial authorizations, the executive director [shall] may accept institutional accreditation by an accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department of Education, in satisfaction of the requirements of this section and section 10a-22d, including the evaluation and attendance requirement. [, unless the executive director finds reasonable cause not to rely upon such accreditation.] Except for initial authorizations, the executive director may accept programmatic accreditation in satisfaction of the requirements of this section and section 10a-22d with regard to instruction offered by a hospital pursuant to subsection (h) of this section unless the executive director finds reasonable cause not to rely upon such accreditation.

(c) Each person, board, association, partnership, corporation, limited

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liability company or other entity which seeks to offer occupational instruction shall submit to the executive director, or the executive director's designee, in such manner as the executive director, or the executive director's designee, prescribes, an application for a certificate of authorization which includes, but need not be limited to, (1) the proposed name of the school; (2) ownership and organization of the school including the names and addresses of all principals, officers, members and directors; (3) names and addresses of all stockholders of the school, except for applicants which are listed on a national securities exchange; (4) addresses of any building or premises on which the school will be located; (5) description of the occupational instruction to be offered; (6) the proposed student enrollment agreement, which includes for each program of occupational instruction offered a description, in plain language, of any requirements for employment in such occupation or barriers to such employment pursuant to state law or regulations; (7) the proposed school catalog, which includes for each program of occupational instruction offered a description of any requirements for employment in such occupation or barriers to such employment pursuant to state law or regulations; (8) financial statements detailing the financial condition of the school pursuant to subsection (d) of this section and subsection (g) of section 10a-22d prepared by management and reviewed or audited, or, for a nonaccredited school annually enrolling fewer than ten students, compiled, by an independent licensed certified public accountant or independent licensed public accountant; and (9) an agent for service of process. Each application for initial authorization shall be accompanied by a nonrefundable application fee made payable to the private occupational school student protection account in the amount of two thousand dollars for the private occupational school and two hundred dollars for each branch of a private occupational school in this state. Any application for initial authorization that remains incomplete six months after the date such application was first submitted to the Office of Higher Education shall

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expire and the office shall not approve such expired application for authorization.

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